

1 politician had better not count on hatching because you'll
2 never form a bloc out of 19 and 20 year olds.

3 My experience, in fact, dictates just the
4 opposite. I know of no group who is less likely to be
5 molded into some type of monolithic bloc, to be swayed one
6 way or another, than the 19 and 20 year olds of this coun-
7 try.

8 They are just as individualistic as any other
9 age group, and probably even more so. On the campus of
10 the University of Maryland we have more movements than the
11 Bulova Watch Company but there's just as great a diver-
12 gence of opinion as anywhere. They have political parties,
13 active conventions, Chesapeake Bay Party, Old Line Party,
14 Young Republicans, Young Democrats, and dozens of other
15 social movements.

16 I heard only 20 percent of the students
17 participate in the student government. This seems like a
18 surprisingly large number. These are students who are
19 supposed to be studying, and most of them are.

20 The 20 percent is a somewhat larger turnout
21 than the Constitutional Convention.